

# FACT SHEET

**57<sup>th</sup> and North Broadway Site  
Riverview Operable Unit  
Wichita, Kansas**



**June 1998**

## **RIVERVIEW OPERABLE UNIT RECORD OF DECISION SIGNED**

### **UPDATE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for, the 57<sup>th</sup> and North Broadway Superfund site, Riverview Operable Unit (OU) on June 5, 1998.

The ROD explains how EPA will address the Riverview OU. The following work will be completed under the ROD:

- EPA will connect 54 residences to the city's water system. Certified letters will notify the residences eligible for the water hookups. A site map and a list of the eligible residences is attached. This information is from the ROD.
- EPA will design and install an in-well stripping system. The system will treat and control the contaminated ground water plume.
- A monitoring system will be installed to continue monitoring the ground water. A quarterly ground water monitoring report will be available to the community.

### **SITE BACKGROUND**

The 57<sup>th</sup> and North Broadway site is an area that includes both residential and commercial property. The Riverview OU is a residential community in the southwest portion of the site. The specific sources of contamination in this area have yet to be determined.

The site was placed on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1992. The NPL is a published list of hazardous waste sites in the country that are eligible for extensive, long-term cleanup action under the Superfund program. Congress established the Superfund program in 1980 to clean up hazardous waste sites. Superfund operates under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act legislative authority. EPA administers the Superfund program.

Concerns were raised about the Riverview area during the remedial investigation for the site. Elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including vinyl chloride, were found in residential drinking water wells.

The results of the residential well sampling showed vinyl chloride at levels above the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). The MCLs are EPA's health-based limits for chemicals in public drinking water.

## **NEXT STEPS**

EPA, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the City of Wichita are working out the details to implement EPA's selected remedy.

EPA is currently negotiating contracts for the design and construction of the in-well stripping system and the monitoring system. Once negotiations are completed, work should begin at the site within a few weeks.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The ROD and Responsiveness Summary can be found in the Administrative Record. The Responsiveness Summary is a summary of oral and written comments EPA received during the public comment period. EPA's responses to those comments are in the Responsiveness Summary. The ROD, Responsiveness Summary and the Administrative Record are available for review at the following locations, during normal business hours:

Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Health Department  
1900 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wichita, Kansas

EPA Region 7  
Docket Room  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas

EPA encourages community members to review the ROD and accompanying documents. Questions about the site should be directed to:

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